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NATURE OF CALL: ELDER ABUSE /THEFT ARREST
LOCATION OF CALL: SIENA CARE CENTER AUBURN
CASE NUMBER: SO 01 20465
SUSPECTS: LORETTA L. KLINK 24 AUBURN

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Early today Placer County Sheriff's deputies arrested Loretta L. Klink for elder abuse and theft from a person. Klink is accused of forcibly removing a valuable ring from a 92-year-old stroke victim who suffers from dementia.

The victim lives at a care center and was admitted with the ring still on her finger. The victim's hands are clenched as a result of her stroke, preventing easy removal of the ring. Klink is accused of forcing the victim's hand open and removing the ring with such force that it caused bruising on her finger.

The suspect is employed at the care center as a Certified Nurse's Assistant and is a care provider for the elderly victim.



The staff at Auburn Jewelry and Loan in Auburn cooperated with investigators and were able to establish Klink had pawned a ring matching the description of the ring stolen from the elderly victim.

Klink was arrested and booked into the Placer County Jail for Grand Theft Person and Theft by a Caregiver from a Dependent Adult and held on \$20,000 bail.

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